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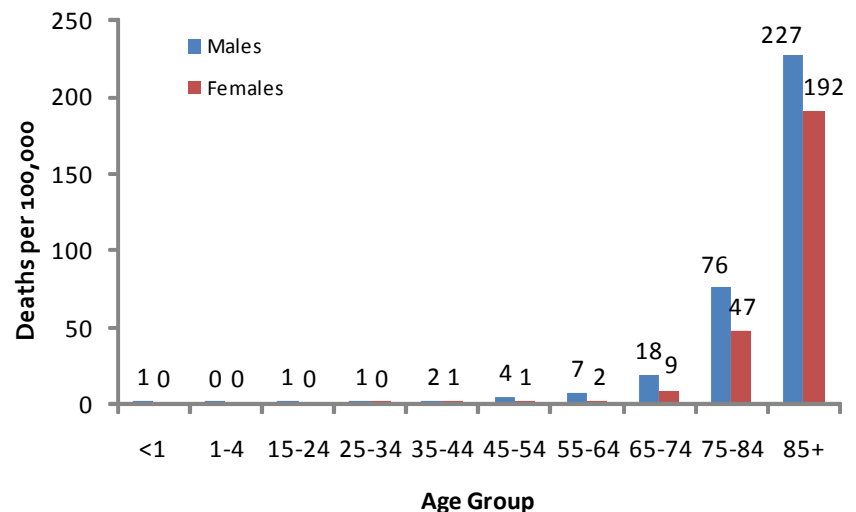
Unintentional falls in Nebraska

2004-2008

Deaths due to unintentional falls 2004-2008

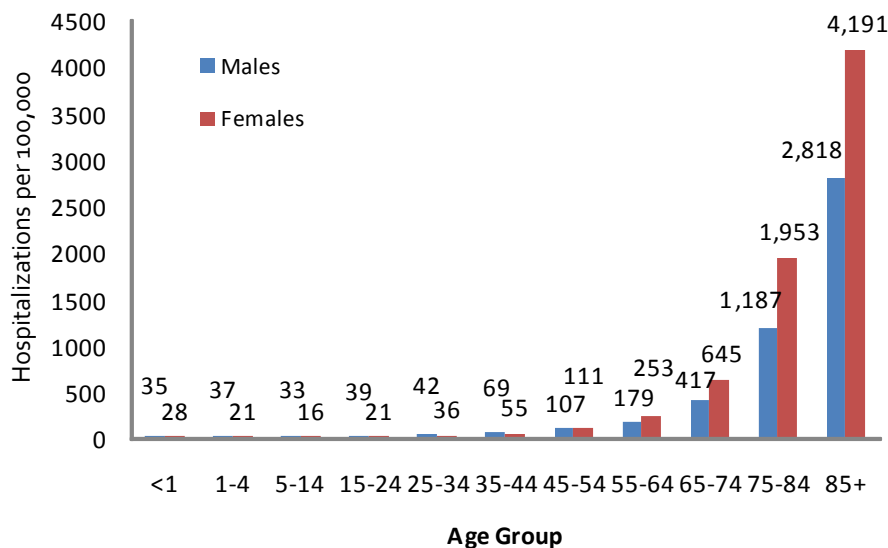
- Unintentional falls were the third leading cause of injury death in Nebraska.
- The overall death rate due to unintentional falls was 7.7 per 100,000.
- Among seniors age 85 years and older, death rates due to unintentional falls were 202 per 100,000.

Fig 1. Death rates due to unintentional falls, Nebraska, 2004-2008 (n=814)



Source: NE death certificates, 2004-2008

Fig 2. Hospitalization rates due to unintentional falls, Nebraska, 2004-2008 (n=22,618)



Source: NE hospital discharge data, 2004-2008

Hospitalizations due to unintentional falls 2004-2008

- Unintentional falls were the leading cause of both injury-related hospitalizations and emergency department (ED) visits.
- The age-adjusted rate was 226.5 hospitalizations per 100,000 Nebraskans.
- Approximately 82% of all hospitalizations for falls were to treat fractures.

For more information on injury in Nebraska, contact the DHHS Injury Prevention and Control Program at (402) 471-2101 or visit www.dhhs.ne.gov/hew/hpe/Injury